

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods and systems for accessing file system entities. A lookup routine receives a request from a node to access a file system entity. After determining that a file system view table does not have a first entry that corresponds to the file system entity, the lookup routine searches the file system view table for an alternate entry. The alternate entry comprises an entity name of the requested entity, extended by an uncommon string of characters including an expandable sequence. The lookup routine then expands the expandable sequence of the alternate entry by a value corresponding to the node, and retrieves information from the file system view table corresponding to the expanded alternate entry.

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